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On December 25th, 2008, the **U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom** cited several examples in a recent report of abuse toward Christians in Iraq.

A landmark new report on the situation of Iraqi uprooted minorities, was issued by the Minority Right Group on the 24th of September 2009, MRG says that many of the people who flee Iraq undertake very dangerous journeys to get to Europe often only to be met with restrictive asylum policies, discrimination and in some cases forcible return. Refugees from Iraq's minorities face insecurity and risk losing their religious and cultural identity as they try to seek refuge in neighboring countries and Western Europe.

Although Jordan and Syria have welcomed a large number of Iraqi refugees, many live in a state of limbo as they are unable to secure residency or work permits. Both countries have since 2007 begun to tighten their visa policies, making it increasingly harder for Iraqis to live there legally.